

Amendments to the Claims

1. (original) A system for linking notes to Web pages, comprising:
means for enabling a user to select a portion of a Web page;
means for creating an annotation;
means for linking said annotation to said selected portion;
means for receiving a request from a user viewing said annotation to display said selected portion linked to said annotation; and
means for invoking an application to view said selected portion, if said application is not already invoked, and for causing said application to load said Web page and present said selected portion.

2. (original) The system of claim 1, further comprising:
means for receiving a request from a user viewing said selected portion to display said annotation linked to said selected portion; and
means for loading said annotation, if said annotation is not already loaded, and for displaying said annotation.

3. (original) The system of claim 1, further comprising:
means for enabling a user to enter into said annotation a description of the rationale for linking said annotation to said selected portion.

4. (original) The system of claim 1, further comprising:
means for enabling a user to e-mail another user a copy of said annotation and a copy of said selected portion.

5. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said annotation is a first sub-notes in a note, further comprising:

means for enabling a user to select a second portion of said Web page;

means for creating a second sub-note in said note; and

means for linking said second sub-note to said selected second portion.

6. (original) The system of claim 5, wherein said first portion and said second portion partially overlap in said Web page.

7. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said annotation is a first sub-note in a note, further comprising:

means for enabling a user to select a second portion of a second Web page associated with a second application;

means for creating a second sub-note in said note; and

means for linking said second sub-note to said selected second portion.

8. (original) The system of claim 7, further comprising:

means for receiving a request from a user viewing said note to display said selected second portion linked to said second sub-note; and

means for invoking said second application, if said second application is not already invoked, and for causing said second application to load said second Web page and present said selected second portion.

9. (original) A method of linking notes to Web pages, comprising the steps of:

- (1) enabling a user to select a portion of a Web page;
- (2) creating a annotation;
- (3) linking said annotation to said selected portion;
- (4) receiving a request from a user viewing said annotation to display said selected portion linked to said annotation; and
- (5) invoking an application, if said application is not already invoked, and for causing said application to load said Web page and present said selected portion.

10. (original) The method of claim 9, further comprising the steps of:

- (6) receiving a request from a user viewing said selected portion to display said annotation linked to said selected portion; and
- (7) loading said note, if said annotation is not already loaded, and for displaying said annotation.

11. (original) The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of:

- (6) enabling a user to enter into said annotation a description of the rationale for linking said annotation to said selected portion.

12. (original) The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of:

- (6) enabling a user to e-mail another user a copy of said annotation and a copy of said selected portion.

13. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein said annotation is a first sub-note in a note, further comprising the steps of:

- (6) enabling a user to select a second portion of said Web page;
- (7) creating a second sub-note in said note; and
- (8) linking said second sub-note to said selected second portion.

14. (original) The method of claim 13, wherein said first portion and said second portion partially overlap in said Web page.

15. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein said annotation is a first sub-note in a note, further comprising the steps of:

- (6) enabling a user to select a second portion of a second Web page associated with a second application;
- (7) creating a second sub-note in said note; and
- (8) linking said second sub-note to said selected second portion.

16. (original) The method of claim 15, further comprising the steps of:

- (9) receiving a request from a user viewing said note to display said selected second portion linked to said second sub-note; and
- (10) invoking said second application, if said second application is not already invoked, and for causing said second application to load said second Web page and present said selected second portion.

23. (previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein said portion of said Web page is one or more of a portion of a text object, a portion of a spreadsheet object, a portion of a database object, a portion of a financial object, a portion of a communication object, a portion of a multimedia object, a portion of a video object, a portion of a graphics object, a portion of a presentation object, a portion of a computer program object, a portion of an audio object, a portion of a digital image object, a portion of a networking object, a portion of an on-line service object, a portion of a scanner object, a portion of a CAD object, and a portion of a virtual reality object.

24. (previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein said portion of said Web page is one or more of a portion of a text object, a portion of a spreadsheet object, a portion of a database object, a portion of a financial object, a portion of a communication object, a portion of a multimedia object, a portion of a video object, a portion of a graphics object, a portion of a presentation object, a portion of a computer program object, a portion of an audio object, a portion of a digital image object, a portion of a networking object, a portion of an on-line service object, a portion of a scanner object, a portion of a CAD object, and a portion of a virtual reality object.

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